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MR. VICE PRESIDENT, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THE FINANCE
MINISTER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. AMBASSADOR. I WOULD
FIRST OF ALL LIKE TO THANK THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA FOR HAVING COME TO THE AIRPORT TO
GREET ME. IT'S A MOVING OCCASION FOR ME TO VISIT THE
FIRST AFRICAN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY IN MY EXPERIENCE. I WAS
HERE 15 YEARS AGO BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. I HAVE COME TO
AFRICA IN ORDER TO HELP PRESIDENT FORD DEVISE A NEW APPROACH
TO THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA AND TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND THIS GREAT CONTINENT. I HAVE COME HERE
TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH
THE TWO GREAT ASPIRATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONS OF
AFRICA. THE ASPIRATION TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND RACIAL
EQUALITY, AND THE ASPIRATION TO ECONOMIC PROGRESS. I
THINK IT IS FITTING THAT THIS VISIT SHOULD START IN KENYA.
I HAVE HAD A SPECIAL FEELING FOR THIS COUNTRY SINCE MY
FIRST VISIT AS A TOURIST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AND I THEREFORE
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WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FIRST HAND WHAT I HAVE

HEARD IN THE MEANTIME OF THE ENORMOUS PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE INDEPENDENCE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING THE GREAT LEADER PRESIDENT KENYATTA WHO LED THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND INSPIRED PEOPLE FAR BEYOND THE BORDERS OF HIS OWN COUNTRY. AFTER MY TRIP AROUND AFRICA I WILL RETURN TO NAIROBI FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PUT BEFORE THAT COMMISSION THE AMERICAN CONCEPTION OF HOW THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, RICH AND POOR, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, NORTH AND SOUTH, CAN COOPERATE FOR THE COMMON BENEFIT. THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT HAS NO GREATER URGENCY THAN ON THIS CONTINENT THAT HAS ONLY RECENTLY ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE AND IS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE VESTIGES OF COLONIAL RULE. AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THIS CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE IN A REPUBLIC WHOSE MOTTO IS HARAMBEE, TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. AMERICAN COOPERATION WITH AFRICA WILL BE THE DETERMINATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE FUTURE OF AFRICA MUST BE SHAPED BY AFRICANS. I AM NOT HERE TO LINE UP ONE GROUP OF AFRICAN NATIONS, OR ONE HALF GROUP OF AFRICAN MOVEMENTS AGAINST ANOTHER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICA CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE UNITY OF AFRICAN NATIONS AND AFRICAN MOVEMENTS. AND SO I HOPE THAT WHEN I RETURN TO NAIROBI IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME THAT WE CAN FEEL THAT AN IMPORTANT STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN IN IDENTIFYING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICA. AND IN THE MEANTIME I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND TO LEARNING A GREAT DEAL FROM THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

THANK YOU.
MARSHALL

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